

REMARKS

This Amendment is fully responsive to the final Office Action dated December 29, 2009, issued in connection with the above-identified application. Claims 1-25 are pending in the present application. With this Amendment, claims 1, 4-10, 17, 18 and 22-25 have been amended, and claim 12 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein. No new matter has been introduced by the amendments made to the claims. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

I. Preliminary Matters

The Applicants respectfully point out that on page 1 of the Office Action the Examiner has not acknowledged the Applicants' claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 (i.e., items 12 and 12a). Additionally, the Examiner has not acknowledged receipt and acceptance of the drawings filed with the application (i.e., item 10). The Applicants request acknowledgement by the Examiner of the Applicants' claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 (i.e., items 12 and 12a) and receipt and acceptance of the drawings filed with the application (i.e., item 10) in the next Office communication.

II. Interview Summary

The Applicants thank Examiner Huang for discussing amendments to the claims in order to avoid a future rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The amendments were discussed with the Examiner on December 18, 2009. During the discussion, the Examiner suggested amending independent claim 1 to clarify the difference between the wireless stations and the transmitter-side wireless stations. Similar amendments were also suggested for independent claims 22-25. The Examiner also suggests canceling claim 21 because the features of the claim appear to already be covered by independent claim 1.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the Examiner indicated that the amendments, if found acceptable by the Applicants, could be made via an Examiner's Amendment if acted on by December 21, 2009. The Applicants were unable to approve the amendments by December 21, 2009, so the Examiner issued the current Office Action. The Office Action includes the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, discussed on December 18, 2009.

III. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

In the Office Action, claims 1-25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject

matter which the Applicants regard as the invention. The Applicants have amended the claims to be consistent with the suggested made by the Examiner on December 18, 2009. Claims 1, 4-10, 17, 18 and 22-25 have been amended, and claim 12 has been canceled.

Independent claims 1 and 22-25 have been amended to clarify the difference between the wireless stations and the transmitter-side wireless stations, and claim 21 has been canceled, as suggested by the Examiner. Additionally, claims 4-10, 17 and 18 were amended merely to place the claims in better form for U.S. patent practice, and to reflect the amendments made to independent claim 1. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

IV. Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 1-25 would be allowable if amended to address the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. As noted above, the claims have been amended (as suggested by the Examiner) to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 1-25 should now be in condition for allowance.

No other rejections were noted in the Office Action.

V. Conclusion

In light of the above, the Applicants submit that all the pending claims are patentable over the prior art of record. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections presented in the outstanding Office Action, and pass the present application to issue. Additionally, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to resolve any remaining issues in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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